

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claim 1 (Currently amended): A liquid or powdered and reconstitutable nutritional composition comprising ~~a protein source~~ about 4.5 to about 6g protein/100ml composition, a source of digestible carbohydrates and a source of dietary ~~fiber~~ fiber, having an energy density of 1.3-1.8 kcal/ml and dietary ~~fiber~~ fiber in an amount of more than 2.5g/100ml, wherein the source of dietary fiber comprises 20-40% by weight acacia gum, 30-60% by weight of insoluble ~~fiber~~ non-starch polysaccharides and 20-40% by weight of oligosaccharides, wherein the composition comprises a viscosity of 30 – 80 mPas.

Claim 2 (Previously presented): The composition according to claim 1 wherein the energy density is between 1.4-1.6 kcal/ml.

Claims 3-4 (Canceled).

Claim 5 (Currently amended): The composition according to claim 1 wherein the insoluble ~~fiber~~ fiber is provided by pea outer ~~fiber~~ fiber and oligosaccharides are fructooligosaccharides.

Claims 6-7 (Canceled).

Claim 8 (Previously presented): The composition according to claim 1 comprising a source of lipids.

Claim 9 (Previously presented): The composition according to claim 1 wherein the composition is clinically free of lactose.

Claim 10 (Currently amended): A method for improving the digestive tract and bowel function of a patient requiring same comprising the steps of administering to the patient a liquid or powdered and reconstitutable nutritional composition comprising ~~a protein source~~about 4.5 to about 6g protein/100ml composition, a source of digestible carbohydrates and a source of dietary ~~fiber~~fiber, having an energy density of 1.3-1.8 kcal/ml and dietary ~~fiber~~fiber in an amount of more than 2.5g/100ml, wherein the source of dietary fiber comprises 20-40% by weight acacia gum, 30-60% by weight of insoluble ~~fiber~~non-starch polysaccharides and 20-40% by weight of oligosaccharides, wherein the composition comprises a viscosity of 30 – 80 mPas.

Claim 11 (Currently amended): A method for enhancing mucosal barrier function in a patient requiring same comprising administering to the patient a liquid or powdered and reconstitutable nutritional composition comprising ~~a protein source~~about 4.5 to about 6g protein/100ml composition, a source of digestible carbohydrates and a source of dietary ~~fiber~~fiber, having an energy density of 1.3-1.8 kcal/ml and dietary ~~fiber~~fiber in an amount of more than 2.5g/100ml, wherein the source of dietary fiber comprises 20-40% by weight acacia gum, 30-60% by weight of insoluble ~~fiber~~non-starch polysaccharides and 20-40% by weight of oligosaccharides, wherein the composition comprises a viscosity of 30 – 80 mPas.

Claim 12 (Currently amended): A method for promoting gut health or comfort in an elderly patient in need of same comprising administering to the patient a liquid or powdered and reconstitutable nutritional composition comprising ~~a protein source~~about 4.5 to about 6g protein/100ml composition, a source of digestible carbohydrates and a source of dietary ~~fiber~~fiber, having an energy density of 1.3-1.8 kcal/ml and dietary ~~fiber~~fiber in an amount of more than 2.5g/100ml, wherein the source of dietary fiber comprises 20-40% by weight acacia gum, 30-60% by weight of insoluble ~~fiber~~non-starch polysaccharides and 20-40% by weight of oligosaccharides, wherein the composition comprises a viscosity of 30 – 80 mPas.

Claim 13 (Currently amended): A method for preparing a nutritional composition comprising the steps of:

mixing a liquid or powdered and reconstitutable nutritional composition comprising a ~~protein source~~about 4.5 to about 6g protein/100ml composition, a source of digestible carbohydrates and a source of dietary ~~fiber~~fiber, having an energy density of 1.3-1.8 kcal/ml and dietary ~~fiber~~fiber in an amount of more than 2.5g/100ml, wherein the source of dietary fiber comprises 20-40% by weight acacia gum, 30-60% by weight of insoluble ~~fiber~~non-starch polysaccharides and 20-40% by weight of oligosaccharides, and

hydrating the components to provide a liquid mixture, wherein the composition comprises a viscosity of 30 – 80 mPas.

Claim 14 (Currently amended): A method for maintaining or restoring a well-balanced gut flora comprising the step of administering to an individual in need of same a liquid or powdered and reconstitutable nutritional composition comprising a ~~protein source~~about 4.5 to about 6g protein/100ml composition, a source of digestible carbohydrates and a source of dietary ~~fiber~~fiber, having an energy density of 1.3-1.8 kcal/ml and dietary ~~fiber~~fiber in an amount of more than 2.5g/100ml, wherein the source of dietary fiber comprises 20-40% by weight acacia gum, 30-60% by weight of insoluble ~~fiber~~non-starch polysaccharides and 20-40% by weight of oligosaccharides, wherein the composition comprises a viscosity of 30 – 80 mPas.

Claim 15 (Currently amended): A method for enhancing mucosal function in a human individual in need of same, comprising the step of administering to the human individual a liquid or powdered and reconstitutable nutritional composition comprising a ~~protein source~~about 4.5 to about 6g protein/100ml composition, a source of digestible carbohydrates and a source of dietary ~~fiber~~fiber, having an energy density of 1.3-1.8 kcal/ml and dietary ~~fiber~~fiber in an amount of more than 2.5g/100ml, wherein the source of dietary fiber comprises 20-40% by weight acacia gum, 30-60% by weight of insoluble ~~fiber~~non-starch polysaccharides and 20-40% by weight of oligosaccharides, wherein the composition comprises a viscosity of 30 – 80 mPas.